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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) issued the following statement after attending President Obama's healthcare reform address to Congress:

"After hearing the President this evening, it is clear to me that he has laid out a roadmap for healthcare reform in this country. Ensuring that those with health insurance can keep their current coverage and doctor no matter what and offering quality, affordable insurance options to the uninsured is absolutely necessary in any reform moving forward. The President made it clear that healthcare reform in this country is not just a moral imperative for those without insurance; it is an economic imperative for all Americans. The current healthcare system in America cannot sustain itself for much longer and will burden future generations with the increased debt and cost unless we put an end to the waste, fraud and abuse that currently exists in our healthcare system."

"I join the President in a strong commitment to doing what is best for this nation and not just what is politically convenient the party. Tonight, the President cited ideas and proposals that came from both sides of the aisle and he is clearly dedicated to incorporating what is in the best interest of the American people to make real and lasting reform a possibility."

"Inaction is no longer an option. I remain committed to responsible and effective healthcare reform in this country, because, like the President, we were not elected to fear the future, we were elected to shape the future in the best interest of all Americans."

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